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1. I WAS VERY PLEASED TO RECEIVE REFTTEL REGARDING THE NARCOTICS CONFERENCE AGENDA AND APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF THE PLANNED ATTENDANCE OF NIDA DIRECTOR DUPONT AND COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS ACREE. I WILL LET YOU KNOW AS SOON AS I HEAR ANYTHING FROM THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE REGARDING HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE MEETING. WHEN I CALLED ON THE FOREIGN MINISTER ON MARCH 21 AND ON THE NEW SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE THAI NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD ON MARCH 22, I DID MY BEST TO URGE HIS ATTENDANCE AND I AM INCLINED TO THINK HE WILL ACCEPT.

2. WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO COPE WITH THE CONFERENCE, WITH THE NUMBER OF HIGH-LEVEL VISITORS WHO WILL ATTEND AND WITH CODEL WOLFF SIMULTANEOUSLY, BUT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE A BETTER IDEA OF THE SCHEDULE OF SOME OF THE PARTICIPANTS. WE NOTE IN STATE 058370 THAT DR. BOURNE AND MS. FALCO ARE PLANNING TO VISIT RANGOON AND ASSUME THAT THIS WILL BE BEFORE THE BANGKOK CONFERENCE. SHOULD THIS BE THE CASE, I WONDER WHETHER THEY PLAN

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TO ARRIVE HERE ON APRIL 12 OR 13 AND SPEND A LITTLE TIME ON THAI AFFAIRS BEFORE GETTING ENGULFED IN THE CONFERENCE. I ALSO BELIEVE A VISIT TO CHIANG MAI IS WORTHWHILE FOR PERSONS WHO HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN IN THE AREA. IT COMES TO MIND THAT I COULD, FOR EXAMPLE, PICK UP BOURNE AND FALCO IN RANGOON WITH OUR ATTACHE PLANE LATE ON THE 12TH AND SPEND THE 13TH IN CHIANG MAI WITH THEM. ALTERNATIVELY, WE COULD BRING THEM HERE AND HAVE AT

LEAST THE 13TH TO DISCUSS THAI PROBLEMS.

3. TO PUT IT MORE SUCCINTLY, I WANT TO BE AS AVAILABLE TO WASHINGTON VISITORS AS POSSIBLE DURING WHAT IS CLEARLY GOING TO BE A HECTIC THREE DAYS, AND AM GROPING AROUND TO SEE WHAT I CAN DO EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER THE CONFERENCE TO ASSURE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR BRIEFINGS AND CONSULTATION. I SINGLE OUT DR. BOURNE AND MS. FALCO IN THE FOREGOING ONLY BECAUSE WE HAVE A GLIMPSE OF THEIR PLANNED VISIT TO RANGOON WHICH MIGHT BE COMBINED WITH A VISIT TO NORTH THAILAND, BUT OUR DESIRE TO BE HELPFUL AND TO MAKE THEIR VISIT HERE AS USEFUL AS POSSIBLE EXTENDS EQUALLY TO THE OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS COMING TO THAILAND AT THAT TIME.
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